

**ABSTRACT**

A composite part, such as a mount-on car body panel, is manufactured as a foil part covered by a protective foil. The foil part and protective foil are both inserted into a foam die. Before the insertion, the protective foil is reworked on an outer side of the protective foil to remove rough areas. The resulting composite part has improved surface characteristics due to the reworking step.

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